

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-2 and 4-6 are cancelled.

(Currently Amended) Claim 3: A common location-based service adapter interface, comprising: a uniform input interface through which location-based services can be requested using a uniform format which is independent of any specific formatting required by a particular service adapter configured to process said location-based services; and, ~~and~~ a uniform output interface through which specifically formatted result sets can be formatted using said uniform format, wherein said uniform input interface adapted to be connected to different service adapters specifying different formats for receiving inputs; wherein said uniform input interface comprises: a plurality of location-based service adapter objects, each said adapter object being configured to provide said at least one location-based service responsive to receiving a uniformly formatted location-based service request; a location service object configured to provide a reference to a particular one of said location-based service adapter objects based upon a specified location-based service; and, a plurality of location request objects configured

to define location-based service request parameters required by generic ones of said location-based service adapter objects.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The BPAI's decision upon reconsideration dated December 21, 2010 overturned the rejection on dependent claim 4 while maintaining all other rejections. Therefore independent claim 3 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 4 and all other claims have been cancelled.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AZIZUL CHOUDHURY whose telephone number is (571)272-3909. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Krista Zele can be reached on (571) 272-7288. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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